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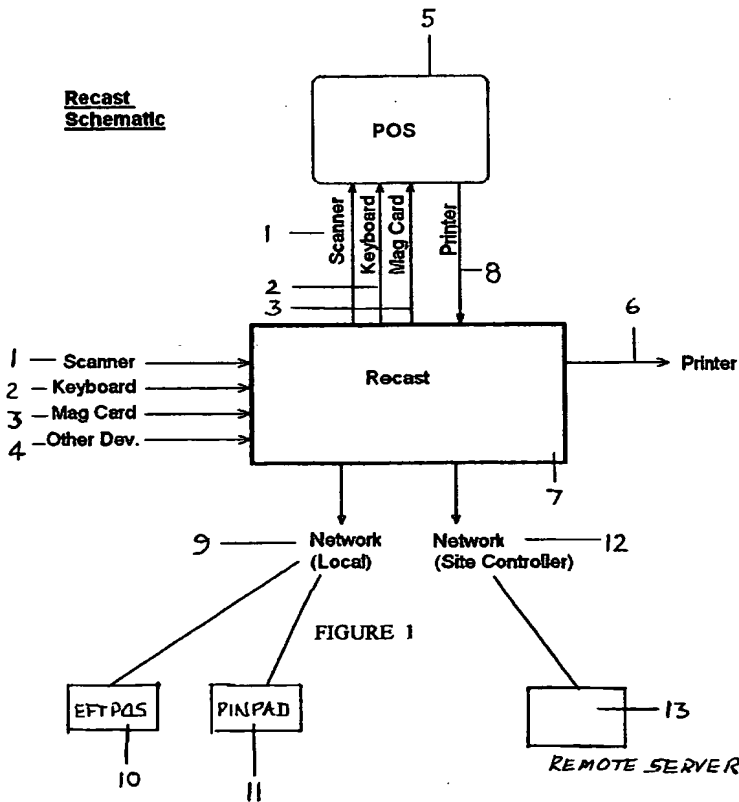
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(54) Title: INTELLIGENT INTERFACE FOR MANAGING DATA CONTENT AND PRESENTATION



(57) Abstract: An intelligent electronic interface with receives a data stream from a predetermined source of data. The interface may collect, compile, manipulate, adjust or otherwise process the data. For example, it may add content to, enhance the appearance of or reformat the data. The data is then transferred via an output to a predetermined peripheral device such as a printer. Preferably, the electronic interface interrupts passage of said data stream from the predetermined source of data to the predetermined peripheral device. The source of the data stream may be intentionally destined for the peripheral. The data may be a receipt text at a point of sale (POS) device, or may be from some other device whose output is to be printed, but which requires further processing to be made printable, such as a weigh-scale. The invention is described with reference to its application at POS terminals, and more particularly in enhancing the content of a printer such as a receipt printer.



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